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In re Application of :
Anant Sahai et al. :
Application No. 09/888,338 : DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: June 22, 2001 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(f)
Attorney Docket No. 60021-0013 :
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This is a decision on the petition, filed May 5, 2003, to revive the instant nonprovisional application under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(f).

The petition is GRANTED.

The instant nonprovisional application is the subject of an application filed in a foreign country on June 21, 2002. However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was unintentionally not notified of this filing within 45 days subsequent to the filing of the subject application in a foreign country.

In view of the above, this application became abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) for failure to timely notify the Office of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(f) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reply which is met by the notification of such filing in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty;
- (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

The instant petition has been found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.137(f). Accordingly, the failure to timely notify the Office of a foreign or international filing within 45 days after the date of filing of such foreign or international application as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

A change of correspondence address signed by Edward C. Kwok, petitioner herein, was submitted concurrently with the instant petition. There is, however, no indication that Mr. Kwok was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. If Mr. Kwok desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to Mr. Kwok, all future correspondence will be directed to the address currently of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8680.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 2631 for examination in due course.

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